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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director, CRR

FROM: Acting Chief, I/PO

SUBJECT: Reply to Request for Additional Information on Soviet and US Credits and Grants to Less Developed Countries

1. Only 5 percent of total Soviet economic aid to less developed countries has been extended in the form of grants. In the case of military assistance, 45 percent of the total extended has been in the form of outright grants or discounts from list prices (which are, in effect, grants).

2. Tables 1 and 2, attached, give the distribution of this aid by recipient countries. Table 3 presents a comparison of US and Soviet military and economic aid to 4 countries -- Afghanistan, India, Indonesia and the UAR.

Distribution:

Table 1

Soviet Economic Aid to Less Developed Countries
1954-64

Million US $

	Total Aid *	Credits	Grants
TOTAL	4,257.1	4,062.3	194.8
Africa	767.4	750.6	16.8
Algeria	230.1	228.8	1.3
Congo (Brazzaville)	8.9	8.9	0
Ethiopia	101.8	100.0	1.8
Ghana	88.8	88.8	0
Guinea	73.1	69.5	3.6
Kenya	48.7	44.4	4.3
Mali	55.5	55.5	0
Senegal	6.7	6.7	0
Somali Republic	57.2	52.2	5.0
Sudan	23.0	22.2	0.8
Tunisia	28.0	28.0	0
Uganda	15.6	15.6	0
United Republic of Tanzania	30.0	30.0	0
Asia	2,112.2	1,935.2	177.0
Afghanistan	583.5	444.3	139.2
Burma	13.7	13.7	0
Cambodia	21.4	12.2	9.2
Ceylon	30.0	30.0	0
India	1,021.1	1,019.8	2.3
Indonesia	368.9	367.5	1.4
Laos	7.6	3.9	3.7
Nepal	20.8	2.8	18.0
Pakistan	44.2	41.0	3.2
Europe	3.1	3.1	0
Iceland	3.1	3.1	0
Latin America	100.0	100.0	0
Argentina	100.0	100.0	0

Soviet Economic Aid to the Less Developed Countries
1954-64
(Continued)

Million US $

	Total Aid	Credits	Grants
Middle East	1,274.4	1,273.4	1.0
Iran	39.4	39.4	0
Iraq	183.9	183.9	0
Syrian Arab Republic	150.5	150.5	0
Turkey	7.6	7.6	0
United Arab Republic	833.3	833.0	0.3
Yemen	59.7	59.0	0.7

* NOTE: Based on data that became available late in January 1965, the figures are revised over previous submissions to include an additional $11 million extended to India for the Bokaro steel plant in 1964.

Table 3

US and Soviet Military and Economic Aid Compared, for Selected Countries
1955-1964

Million US $

	United States a/			USSR		
	Total	Economic b/	Military c/	Total	Economic	Military
Afghanistan	231	228	3	706	584 d/	122
India	5,163	5,108	55 e/	1,274	1,021	253
Indonesia	601	539	62	1,358	369	989
United Arab Republic	907	907	--	1,718	833	885

a. For fiscal years 1955-1964.
b. Authorizations and obligations of all AID assistance, Export-Import Bank long-term loans, and PL-480 type assistance.
c. Actual deliveries.
d. Includes $6 million of credits extended in 1954.
e. Preliminary, CONFIDENTIAL figure.

Table 2

Soviet Military Aid to Less Developed Countries 1955-64

Million US $

	Total Aid	Credits	Discounts/Grants*
TOTAL	3,160	1,737	1,423
Afghanistan	122	26	96
Algeria	85	60	25
Cambodia	4	2	2
Ghana	6	6	0
Guinea	8	8	0
India	253	253	0
Indonesia	989	735	254
Iraq	378	179	199
Mali	2	2	0
Morocco	11	8	3
Somalia	35	3	32
Syrian Arab Republic	322	157	165
United Arab Republic	885	295	590
Yemen	60	3	57

* The Discounts/Grants column reflects both outright grants (which are less than three percent of total aid extensions) and discounts from list prices (which themselves are usually below Western prices for comparable equipment).